## **HOUSE BILL 3427**

By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to the operation and governance of public and private post secondary education in Tennessee.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-7-2019.

The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for requirements to operate a proprietary school in this state. Such rules and regulations shall specify that the maximum annual tuition which may be charged at such proprietary school shall be one half (1/2) of the average expected starting salary of entry level employment available to a graduate of such proprietary school in the graduate's field of study.

SECTION 2. The higher education commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.